

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an image display apparatus having an airtight container including a face plate and a rear plate having a plurality of electron-emitting devices, and a face plate disposed in opposition to the rear plate and has a phosphor and an electroconductive film, the method comprising the steps of:

disposing the rear plate having the plurality of electron-emitting devices and the face plate having the phosphor and the electroconductive film such that the rear plate and the face plate are opposite to each other and arranging a plurality of plate shaped spacers between the rear plate and the face plate to assemble the airtight container; and

applying an electric field between the rear plate and the face plate in a state that the airtight container is slanted such that a longitudinal direction of the plate-shaped spacers is not ~~in-vertical~~ perpendicular to a gravitational direction.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~when the image display apparatus is driven, an the~~ electric field is lower than ~~that~~ an electric field applied between the rear plate and the face plate when driving the image display apparatus.

3. (Currently Amended) A method manufacturing an image display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein ~~when the image display apparatus is driven, an the~~ electric field is 1/10 to 1/2 of ~~that~~ an electric field applied between the rear plate and the face plate when driving the image display apparatus.